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SUBJECT: AHRAM PROMISES INTERVIEW WITH MUHAYSHI

1. AHRAM FEBRUARY 12 PROMISED ITS READERS INTERVIEW WITH LIBYAN RCC MEMBER MUYAYSHI, NOW IN CAIRO (CAIRO 1642). IN SIGNED ARTICLE FEBRUARY 13, HOWEVER, EDITOR IN CHIEF SAYS HE HAS DECIDED DELAY PUBLICATION IN ORDER TO BE ABLE PRINT "DETAILED DOCUMENTS" AND SO THAT HE CAN COMPLETE RESEARCH ON DETAILS AND BACKGROUND. AHRAM PROMISES ITS THREE-HOUR INTERVIEW WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON IN SERIAL FORM AND WILL REVEAL THE TRUTH ABOUT SUCH ENTICING SUBJECTS AS WHY QADDHAFI DID NOT JOIN RCC COLLEAGUES IN BENGHAZI RADIO STATION TO ANNOUNCE SUCCESS OF COUP (HE LOST THE WAY) WHAT THE "THIRD THEORY" AND THE GREEN BOOK REALLY MEAN, WHAT QUDDHAFI REALLY BELIEVES ABOUT PALESTINIANS, ARAB UNITY, ARAB-AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND ROOTS OF LAST SUMMER'S COUP AGAINST HIM. MUYAHSHI WILL REVEAL THAT SIMPLE DEMOCRATIC DISCUSSION BY CONCERNED LIBYANS ABOUT QADDHAFI'S "MISTAKES" WAS MISUNDERSTOOD AS COUP PLT AND RESULTED IN QUDDHAFI ARRESTING AND JAILING MILITARY OFFICERS WHO PARTICIPATED.

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2. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR AHRAH JUMPED THE GUN. GOE
PRESUMABLY WANTS TO STRETCH OUT MUYAYSHI REVELATIONS ABOUT
QADDHAFI OVER CONSIDERABLE PERIOD AND TO TIME PARTICULARLY
SENSATIONAL ITEMS WITH CARE. EILTS

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